

**DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD
WITH MULTI-PORT PROCESSOR**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data management system and method comprises a plurality of data ports coupled to a processor. The processor is programmed to test for the presence of a controller alternately through each of said plurality of data ports. In an embodiment, a data management method comprises testing for the presence of a controller through a first port using a processor, and testing for the presence of the controller through a second port if the controller is not found through the first port.